

Appl. No. : 09/939,417
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REMARKS

The Advisory Action indicates that the Response to Final Office Action filed on September 30, 2003 fails to place the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner states that language used in Applicant's arguments to overcome rejections in the Final Office Action is not found in the respective claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as previously pending are patentably distinguished over the cited references. Applicant, however, has amended Claims 1, 9 and 20 without altering their scope in order to clarify the features of Applicant's inventions. It is believed that the claims would satisfy the statutory requirements for patentability without the entry of such amendments. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is therefore respectfully requested.

REQUEST FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 713.01, in order to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicant's undersigned attorney of record hereby formally requests a telephone interview with the Examiner as soon as the Examiner has considered the effect of the arguments presented above. Applicant's attorney can be reached at (949) 721-7612 or at the number listed below.

CONCLUSION

In view of the forgoing, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. If further issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned such that any remaining issues may be promptly resolved. Also, please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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